

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claim 1 as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior listing of claims.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A putter or other golf club grip, for placement at one end of a golf club shaft having a clubhead at the other end, said grip including two or more hard or rigid vibration transmitting elements in intimate contact with said shaft and a golfer's hand or hands, said elements being selectively positioned within said grip at those locations where transmission of target line plane and other desirable golf ball impact vibrations are found greatest and omitted at those locations where tortional and other undesirable impact vibrations are found greatest, and wherein the grip area around said elements has a layer of one or more softer or energy absorbing grip materials which at least partially insulate from said golfer's hands or absorb said undesirable impact vibrations.

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4. (withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1 where the grip area around said elements has no layer of softer grip material.
5. (original) The grip of Claim 1 where said elements are metal, ceramic, or plastic having a modulus of elasticity substantially higher than rubber, urethane, leather, or other common softer grip materials.

6. (original) The grip of Claim 1 where the elements are of circular, square, hexagonal, or other symmetrical shape in a sectional plane parallel to the shaft axis or elongated semi-circular or ring shaped in circumferential dimension.
7. (withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1 where the elements are of rectangular, oval, or other elongated shape in a sectional plane parallel to the shaft axis with the longitudinal axis of said elements parallel to said shaft axis or elongated semi-circular or ring shaped in circumferential dimension.
8. (withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1 where elongated elements have through holes, cracked edges, or similar means to enhance grip integrity and conformity to said shaft.
9. (original) The grip of Claim 1 where said elements are embedded through the softer rubber, urethane, leather, or other common grip material.
10. (original) The grip of Claim 1 where said grip is of the slip-on type.
11. (withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1 where said elements are integral with or rigidly attached to said shaft prior to casting, molding, or otherwise placing said softer elastomeric material around said elements.
12. (previously presented) The grip of Claim 1 where said elements are integral with or rigidly attached to said shaft prior to casting, molding, or otherwise placing said softer grip materials around said elements .

13. (original) The grip of Claim 1 where said elements are flush with the surface of said softer grip materials.
14. (withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1 where said elements protrude beyond the surface of said softer grip materials if used.
15. (withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1 where said elements or said grip is attached to a metal or rigid plastic shaft extension welded, brazed, soldered, cemented, or otherwise firmly attached to said putter or club shaft.
16. (withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1 where one or more elongated elements extending along said grip are of a pleated-type section, with or without a softer grip material between said pleats and said elements, allowing temporary expansion of said grip's inside diameter when slipped over said shaft and maintaining intimate contact with said shaft with or without the use of supplemental adhesive.
17. (withdrawn) The grip of claim 1 where said elements are integral with or rigidly attached to a metal, ceramic or other rigid tube slipped over said shaft and rigidly attached thereto along all or most of the length of said grip via adhesive or mechanical means.
18. (withdrawn) The grip of Claim 1 where said elements are integral with or rigidly attached to a metal, or ceramic, or other rigid tube slipped over said shaft and rigidly attached thereto at one or more points along said tube chosen to transmit increased impact vibration from said shaft to said grip.

19. (original) The grip of Claim 1 with said grip or said shaft backweighted within four inches of the top with lead, tungsten, or other high density material in such manner and proportion to increase or relocate shaft impact vibration to said elements proximate to a golfer's hand position on said grip.